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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, WB

SUBJECT: PRESS LINE ON BAN OF NPD CANDIDACY

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ON BAN OF NPD CANDIDACY  
IN BERLIN ELECTIONS AGREED TO TRIPARTITELY HERE IN  
BERLIN:

BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNING MAYOR ADVISED THE ALLIED  
COMMANDANTS LAST WEEK THAT THE LANDESVERBAND BERLIN OF  
THE NPD HAD GIVEN FORMAL NOTICE TO THE SENATOR FUER  
INNERES BY LETTER OF AUGUST 21 OF THE PARTY'S INTENTION  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1975 BERLIN ELECTION AND ITS DESIRE  
TO OBTAIN THE FORMS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR IT TO  
BEGIN THE PROCESS OF QUALIFYING LISTS OF CANDIDATES. HE  
RECALLED THE JUDGEMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH RESPECT TO  
THIS PARTY AND ITS ACTIVITIES, INDICATED THE CONTINUING  
VIEW OF THE SENAT THAT THE NPD IN BERLIN SHOULD BE  
BANNED AND REQUESTED THAT THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA  
SHOULD REVIEW THE POSITION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE  
ELECTIONS. AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION THE ALLIED KOMMANDA-  
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TURA ISSUED ON AUGUST 30 BK/O(74) BLANK, WHICH PROHIBITS

PARTICIPATION OF THE LANDESVERBAND BERLIN OF THE NPD IN THE 1975  
BERLIN ELECTIONS AND THE ENGAGING IN PUBLIC ACTIVITIES  
OF ANY KIND BY THE NPD OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE NPD  
BETWEEN THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE ORDER AND MARCH 3,  
1975, WHICH IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTIONS. END TEXT.

2. IF ASKED ABOUT PREVIOUS BANS, PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL  
REPLY SIMPLY THAT THE ALLIES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BANNED  
CERTAIN PUBLIC ACTIVITIES OF THE NPD IN THE CITY OF  
BERLIN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, IF ASKED,  
THE PRESS SPOKESMAN MIGHT NOTE THAT THE NPD HAS NOT BEEN  
OUTLAWED IN BERLIN, BUT ITS ACTIVITIES ARE BEING  
RESTRICTED WITH RESPECT TO THE ELECTION AND  
DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD. THE AUTHORITY FOR SUCH  
ACTION IS THE RESERVED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ALLIED  
WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER.

3. FRENCH HAVE AGREED TO THIS PRESS LINE BUT HAVE  
ALSO TOLD US THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NORMAL  
PRACTICE, THEY WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT THEMSELVES.SELIGMANN

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